

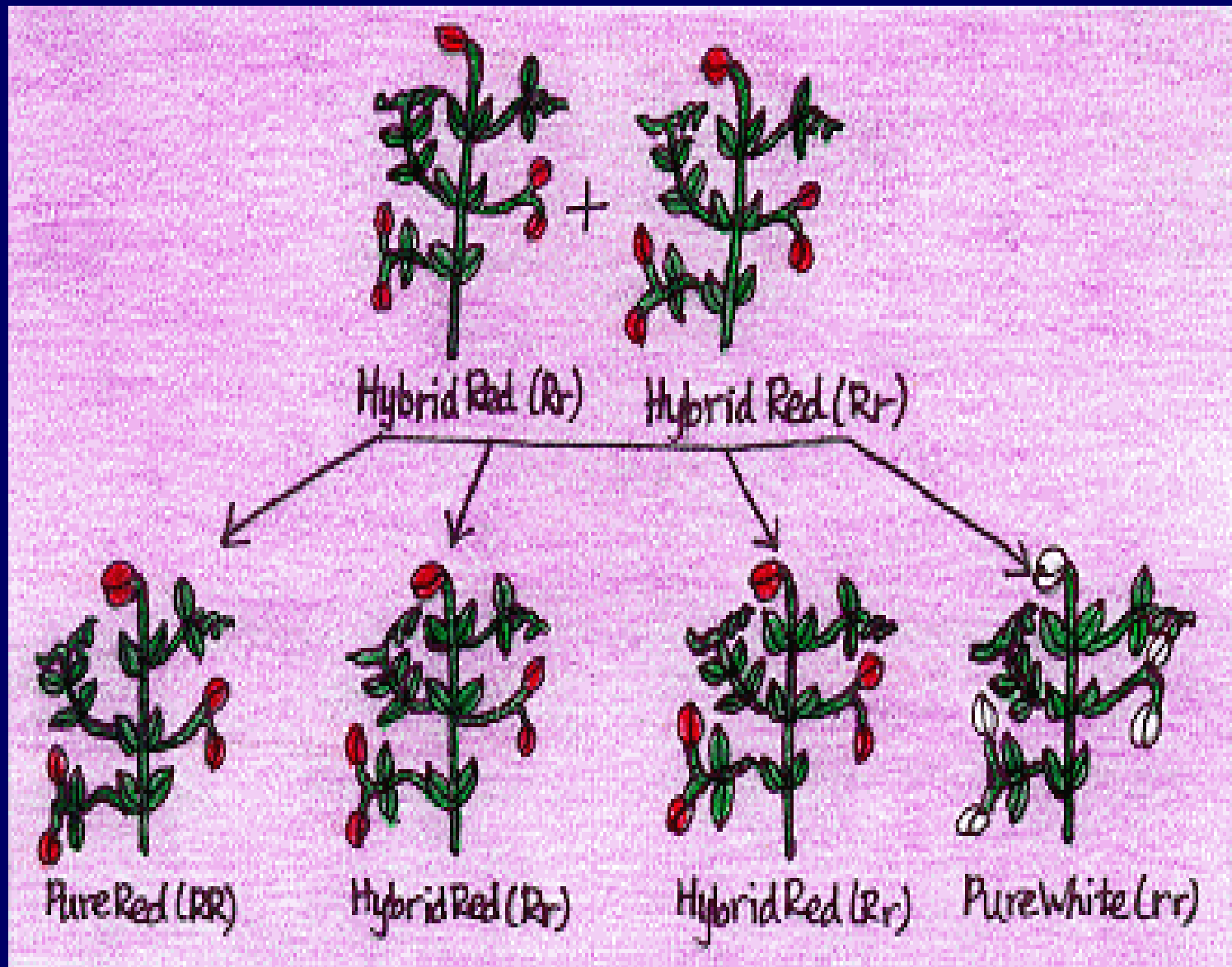
**Three Generations of Imbeciles  
Are Enough:  
A Eugenic Centennial**

**Paul A. Lombardo  
Center for Law, Health & Society  
Georgia State University College of Law**



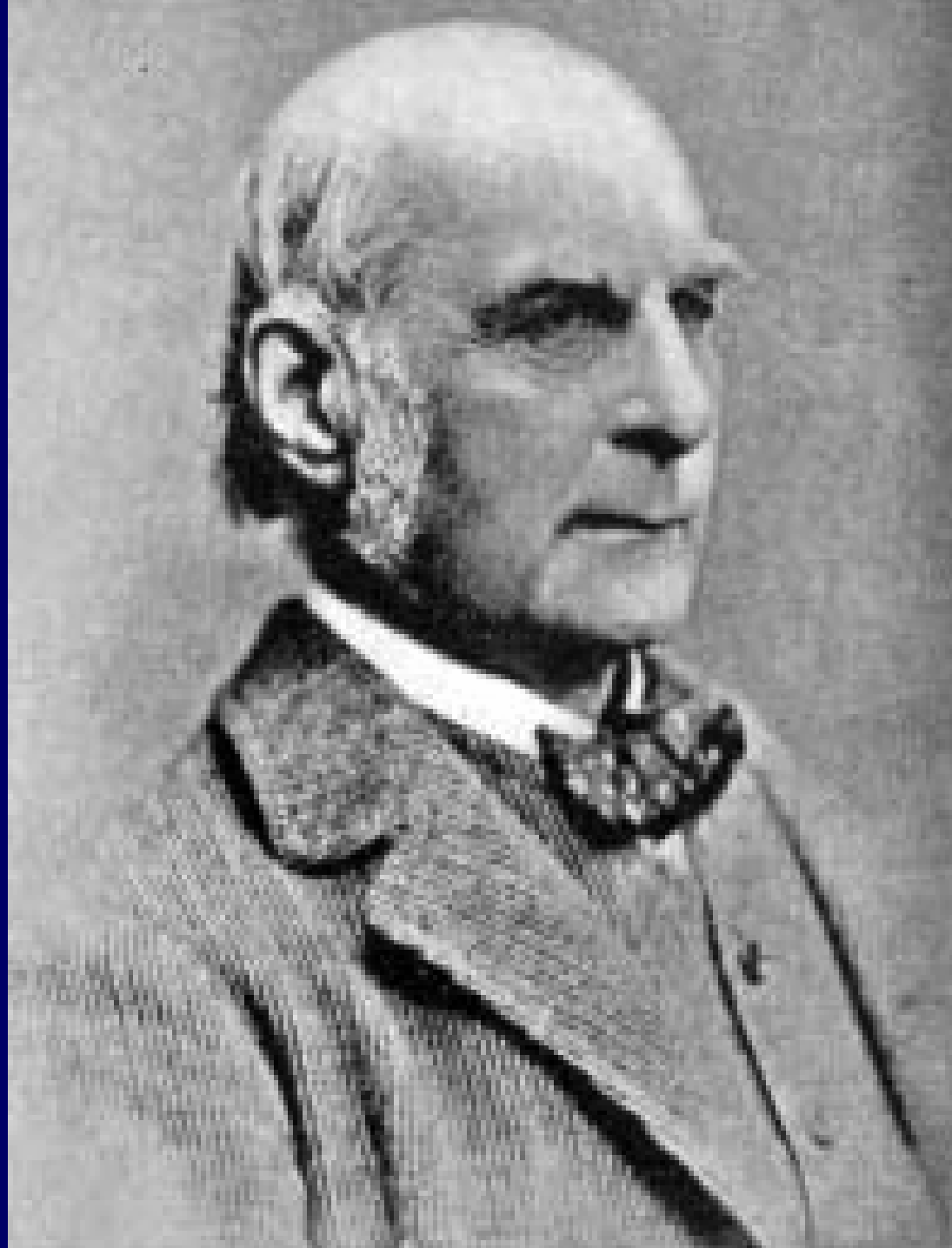
**Gregor  
Mendel**

**1822-1884**



**Mendel's Pea Plants**

**Francis  
Galton  
1822-1911**



# EUGENICS



EUGENICS IS THE  
SELF DIRECTION

OF HUMAN EVOLUTION

LIKE A TREE

EUGENICS DRAWS ITS MATERIALS FROM MANY SOURCES AND ORGANIZES  
THEM INTO AN HARMONIOUS ENTITY.



## Winfield Kansas State Asylum

The Topeka Lance.

Saturday, Sept. 1, 1894

# MUTILATION

By the Wholesale Practiced at the Asylum.

Eleven of the Unfortunate Children Victims of the Knife.

The Populist Idea of "Reform" Fully Developed. Castration a Great Saving of Expense for Attendants



**Dr. Albert  
Ochsner**

**1858-1925**

**First Reported  
Vasectomy**

**1899**



*Sam'l W. Pennypacker*

**Samuel  
Pennypacker  
Pennsylvania  
Governor**

**Vetoed 1905  
Sterilization Bill**



**School # 5**

**W. Washington  
& California**

**Oscar McCulloch School**



# THE TRIBE OF ISHMAEL

A GROUP OF DEGENERATES

FOUND IN INDIANA KENTUCKY OHIO ILLINOIS

MISSOURI AND IOWA

6000 PERSONS IN 1890

10 000 IN 1921

THEY ARE

PAUPERS BEGGARS AND THIEVES

CRIMINALS PROSTITUTES WANDERERS

MOST OF THEM ARE FEEBLEMINDED

THEY HAVE BEEN FOUND IN THE PRISONS JAILS INSTITUTIONS

POOR ASYLUMS AND ORPHANS HOMES IN INDIANA FOR YEARS

SOME HAVE BECOME GOOD CITIZENS

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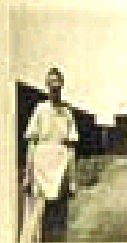
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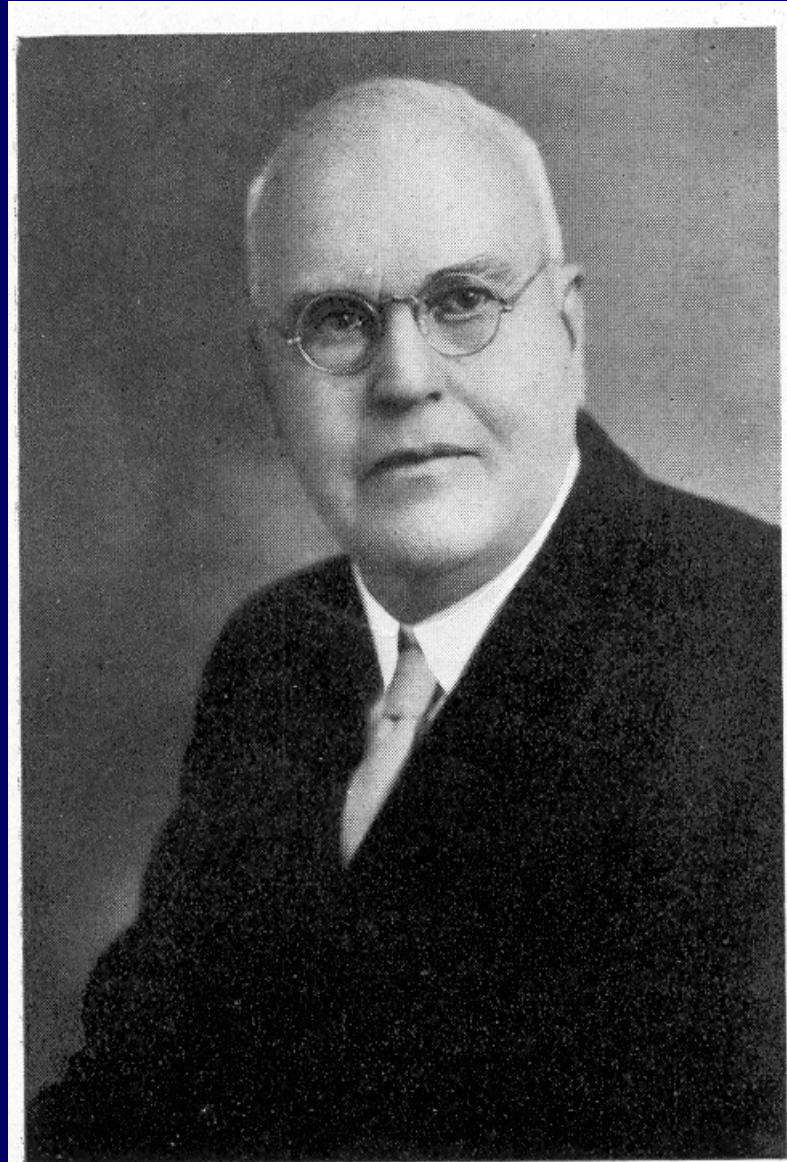


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**Dr. Harry Sharp**



**FIRST EUGENIC STERILIZER**



**Dr. John Hurty**



**Governor  
Frank Hanly**

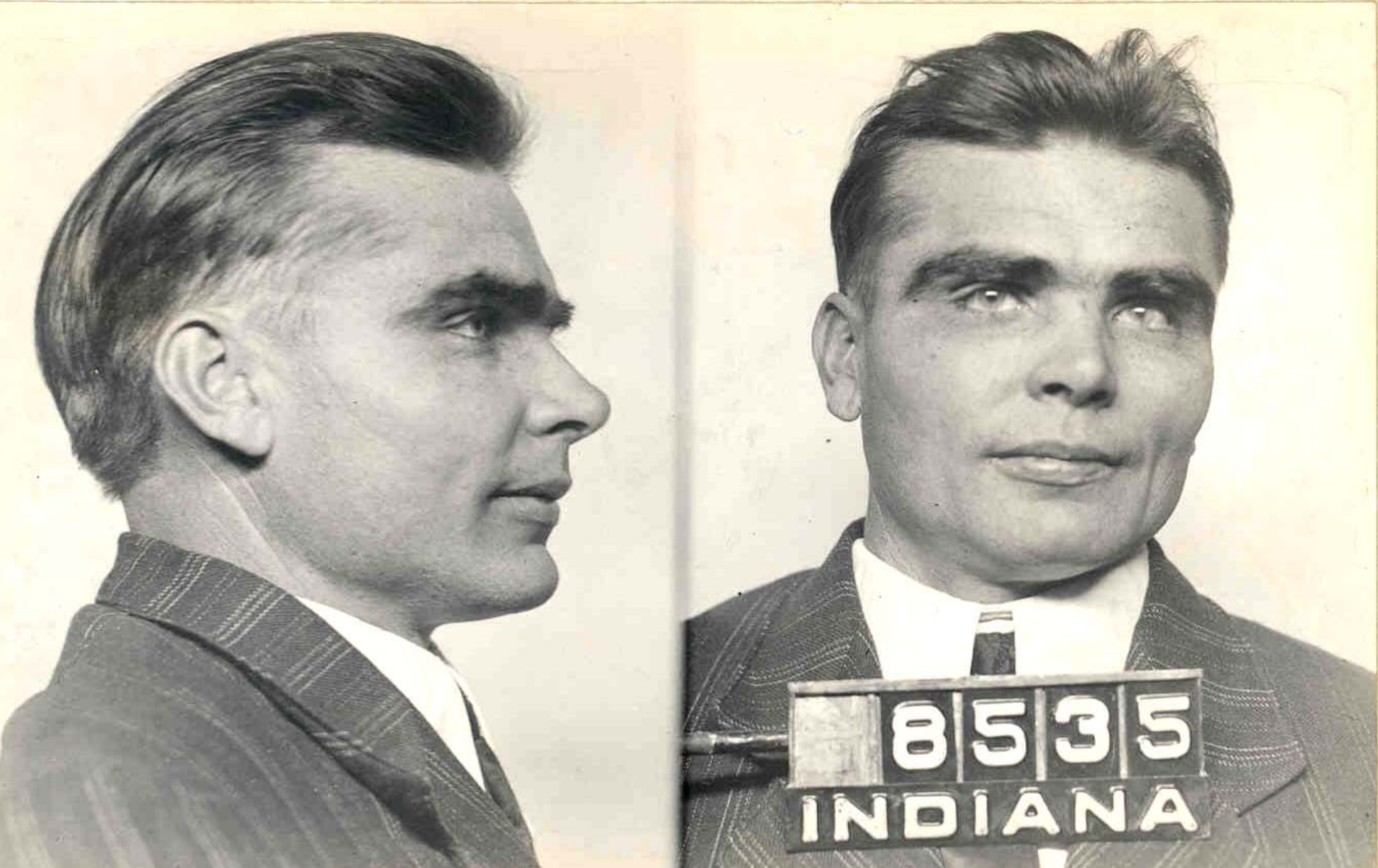
**1905-1909**

# DEFECTIVE HOOSIERS

The report of the Indiana Committee on Mental Defectives, made to Governor Goodrich, is startling. Something must be done at once about the thousands of them. Every year the solution of the problem is postponed conditions become worse. Defectives become the fathers and mothers of other defectives. The cost of caring for them is thus increased in proportion to the State's inability or reluctance to take

Most of them are not violent or likely to do bodily harm to any one. They are dangerous, however, to society in general. Some of them commit crimes and then are punished or win their freedom through the plea that they were not responsible for their acts. The State School for Feeble-Minded at Fort Wayne is taking care of 1,400 patients and the report estimates that there are 20,000 others in Indiana who should have the same care.

**New York Times 1919**



**Warren Wallace Smith – "Moral Pervert"**

No. **8535** Name **WARREN SMITH** Age **16**Co. **WAYNE** Crime **INCEST**Sentenced **2-8-19** Rec'd **5-1-21** Occupation **LABORER**Years **2-21** Fine \$ **=** Cost \$ **=**Min. Costs Paid **2-8-21** Max. Costs Paid **2-8-40** Plea **NOT GUILTY**Costs not Paid **2-1-22 7-1-25**

Costs not Paid

**7-1-22****7-1-23****7-1-24****Criminal History**

*Anderson, Ind. Jail 14 days for stealing coal  
2-9-25 Trf. from I. S. P. to I. H. I. C. by Gov.*

*Ref. record clear*

Paroled

Recommended

Dec. Del.

Returned

Return Approved

Discharged

# SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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No. 292.—OCTOBER TERM, 1926.

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Carrie Buck, by R. C. Shelton, her  
Guardian and Next Friend, Plaintiff  
in Error,

vs.

J. H. Bell, Superintendent of the State  
Colony for Epileptics and Feeble  
Minded.

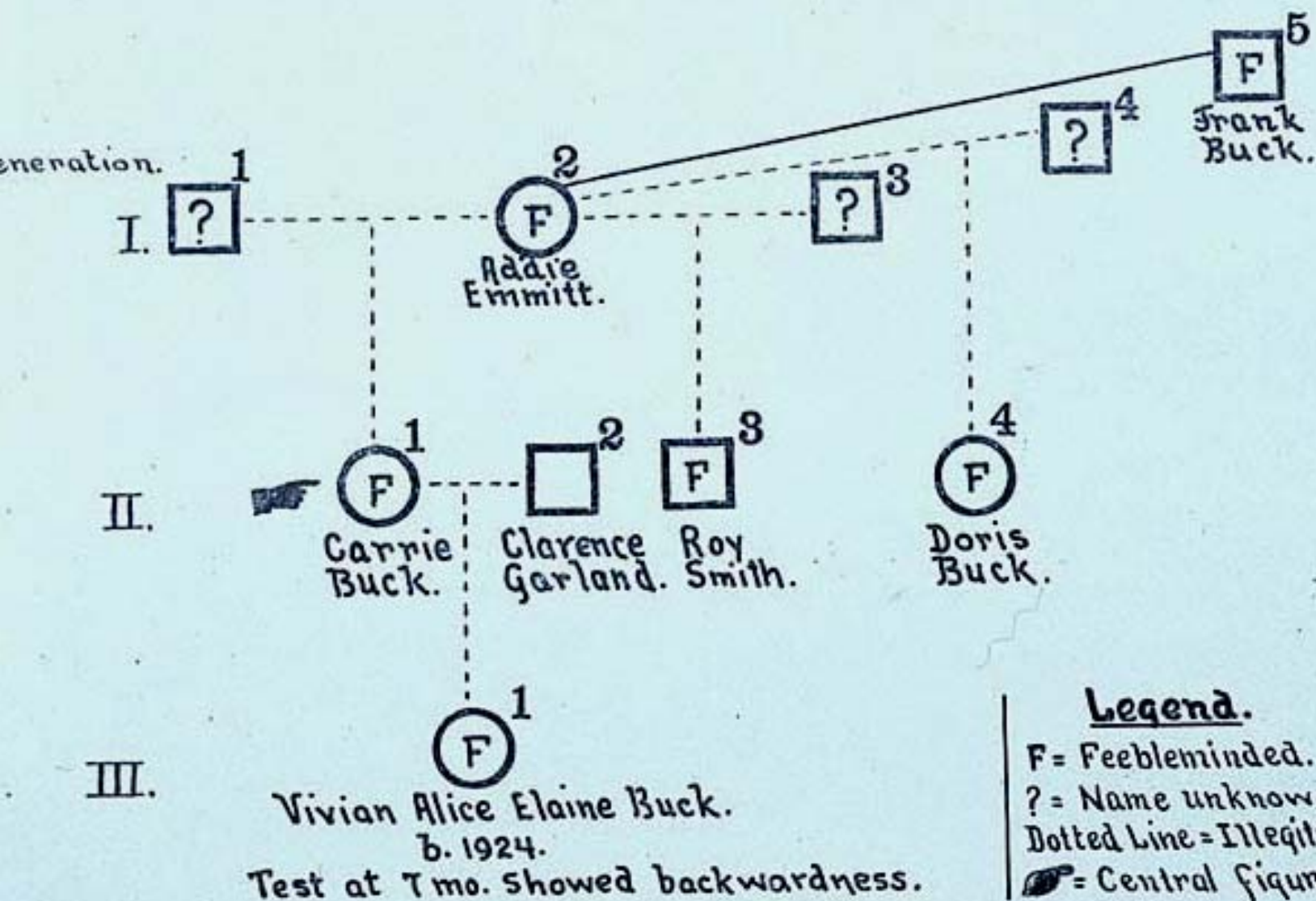
In Error to the Supreme  
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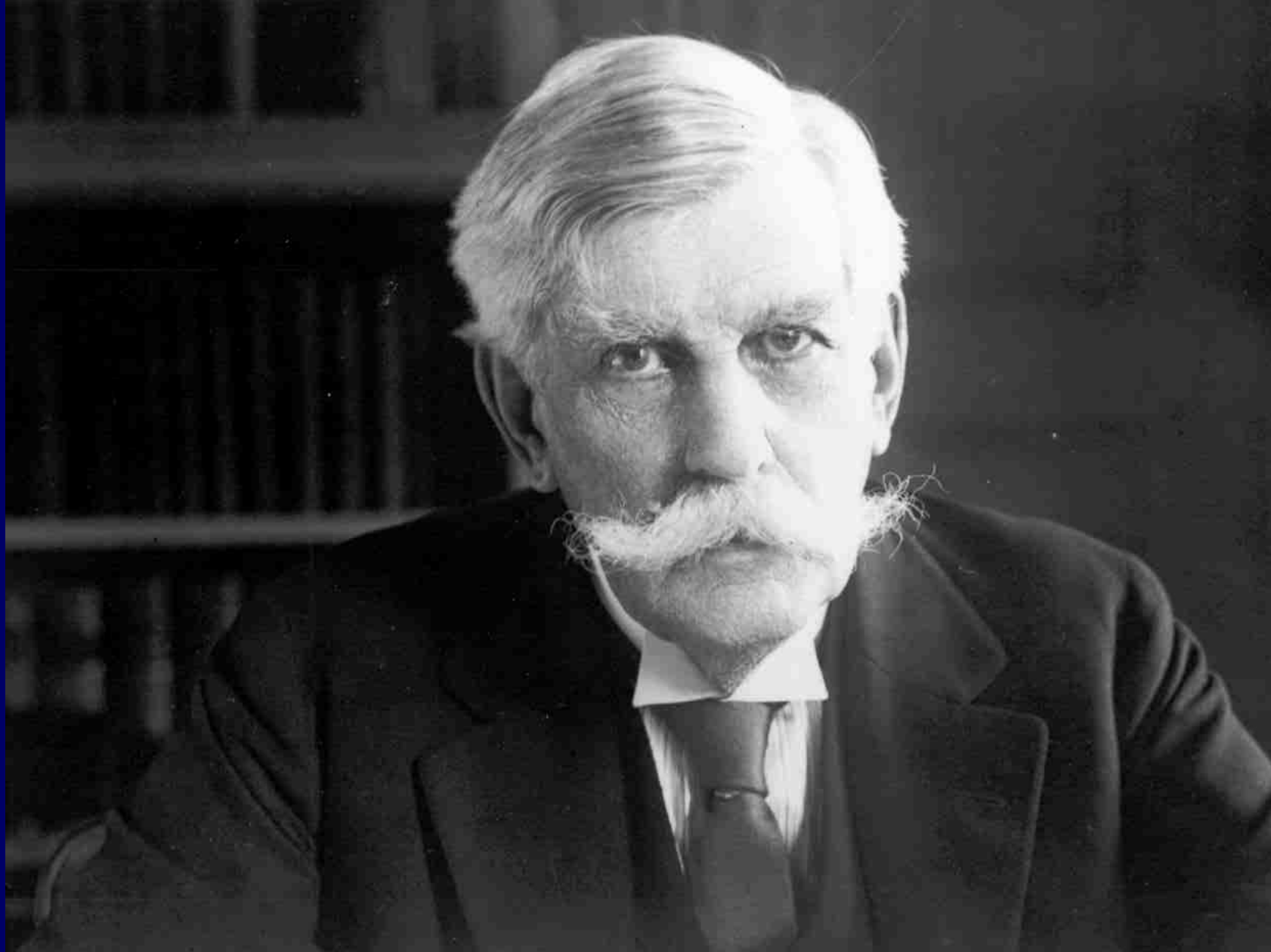
[May 2 1927.]

Mr. Justice Holmes delivered the opinion of the Court.

# Most Immediate Blood-kin of Carrie Buck.

Showing illegitimacy and hereditary feeble-mindedness.





**Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.**

**VIVIAN**



**1924-1932**

**CARRIE**



**1906-1983**

**EMMA**

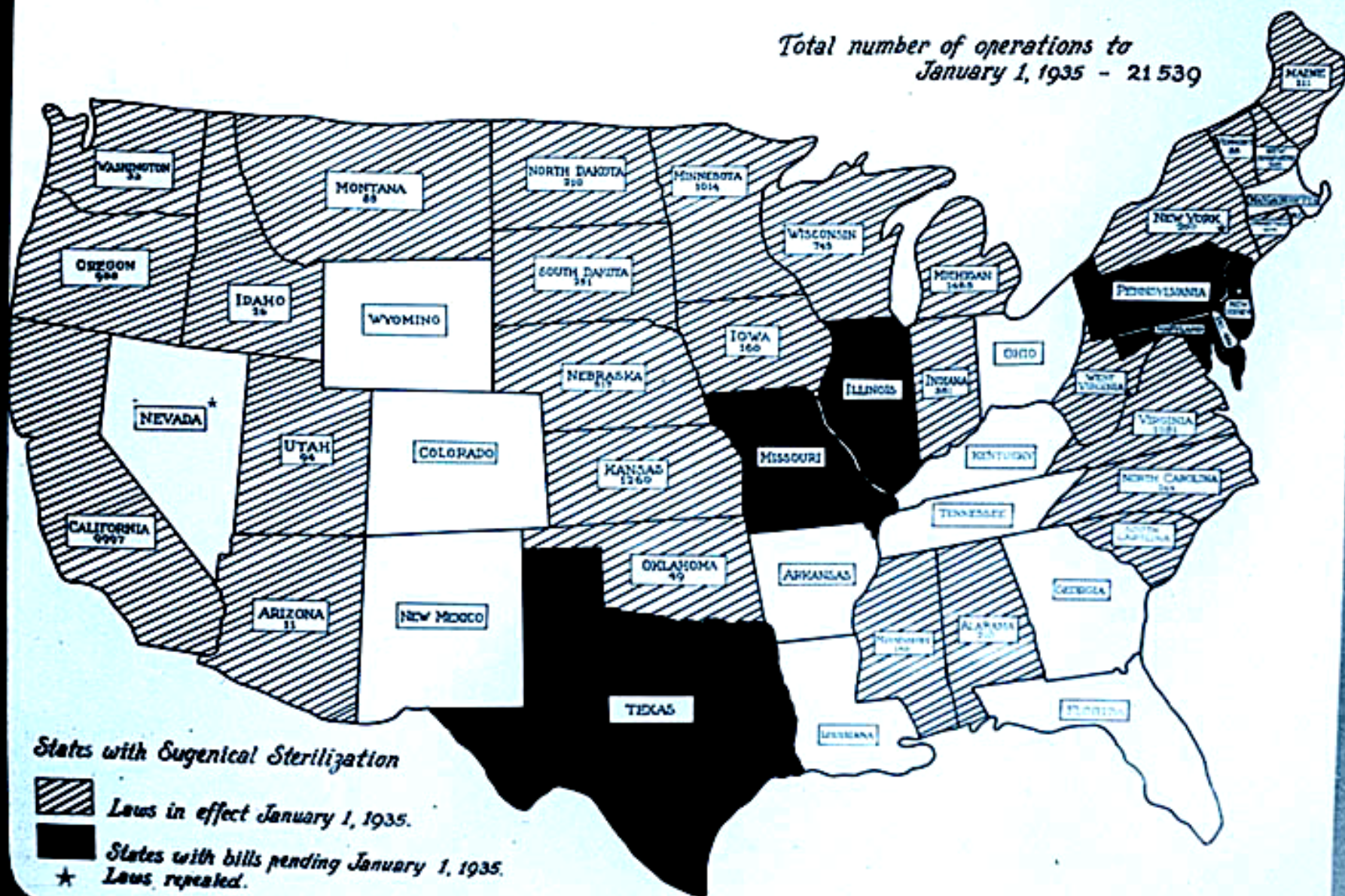


**1872-1944**

# LEGISLATIVE STATUS OF EUGENICAL STERILIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES

## AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OPERATIONS BY EACH STATE TO JANUARY 1, 1935.

Total number of operations to  
January 1, 1935 - 21 539



# Countries with Sterilization Laws

- Alberta, Canada--1928
- Vaud, Switzerland--1928
- Denmark, 1929
- British Columbia, Canada--1933
- Norway, 1934
- Germany, 1934
- Sweden, 1935

# Countries with Sterilization Laws

- Finland, 1935
- Veracruz, Mexico--1936
- Estonia, 1937
- Iceland, 1938
- Japan, 1941

# **Sterilized woman aims to sue judge**



**DeKalb County Court House  
Auburn Indiana**

# *High Court Rules Judge Immune To Lawsuit in Girl's Sterilization*

**Top Court  
Says Can't  
Sue Judges**

**Sterilization Ruling  
Draws Angry Dissent**

**Stump v. Sparkman, 1978**

# Approximate Sterilization Totals

• California	20,000➡	1
• Virginia	8300➡	2
• North Carolina	6300➡	3
• Michigan	3800	4
• Georgia	3300➡	5
• Kansas	3000	6
• Indiana	2400	7
• Oregon	2400➡	8
• Minnesota	2350	9
• Wisconsin	1825	10
• South Carolina	277➡	22



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# BUCK v. BELL

In 1924, Virginia, like a majority of states then, enacted eugenic sterilization laws. Virginia's law allowed state institutions to operate on individuals to prevent the conception of what were believed to be "genetically inferior" children. Charlottesville native Carrie Buck (1906-1983), involuntarily committed to a state facility near Lynchburg, was chosen as the first person to be sterilized under the new law. The U.S. Supreme Court, in *Buck v. Bell*, on 2 May 1927, affirmed the Virginia law. After Buck more than 8,000 other Virginians were sterilized before the most relevant parts of the act were repealed in 1974. Later evidence eventually showed that Buck and many others had no "hereditary defects." She is buried south of here.